

ADDITIONS TO THE FERN FLORA OF MISSISSIPPI.—In two years of fieldwork with the vascular flora of Mississippi I have discovered two species of ferns that have apparently not been recorded before from the state. Voucher specimens have been deposited in the University of Mississippi Herbarium.

*Ophioglossum vulgatum* L. was found in low, rich woods at Bay Springs about 12 miles northeast of Oxford, Lafayette County, on June 22, 1965 (Riley W. Brooks & Thomas M. Pullen 49). *Asplenium pinnatifidum* Nutt. was discovered in a crevice in a vertical face of a sandstone cliff overlooking Bear Creek in Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo County, on August 5, 1965 (Thomas M. Pullen 65353). The nearest known locality for this species is probably in south-central Tennessee.

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### Notes and News

THE ILLUSTRATED FLORA OF ILLINOIS.—A multi-volumed work on the complete flora of Illinois is under preparation at Southern Illinois University. Robert H. Mohlenbrock, chairman of the Botany Department at that institution, is editor and chief contributor to the series. The work will provide an account of every kind of plant known to occur in Illinois. Keys for identification will be provided, along with descriptions, synonymy, discussions of ecology and economic uses, chromosome numbers, and distribution maps for each species. In addition, line illustrations of each species, showing diagnostic features, are being prepared by a staff of illustrators. Publication will be by the Southern Illinois University Press. Financing for the project is by the University Press, the Graduate School, and the Mississippi Valley Investigations, all of Southern Illinois University. A board of advisers has been created to screen the manuscripts and serve as consultants for the project. The board is composed of Dr. Gerald W. Prescott, Michigan State